

### REMARKS

Claim 4 remains pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

The Examiner noted that the certified copy of the foreign priority document has not yet been filed. Provided herewith is that foreign priority document.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claim 6 includes allowable subject matter. In response, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 6 into claim 4. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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